

I have read the proceedings concerning the Morse Code requirements and believe the F.I.S.T.S. filing to be the most adequate. Due to the limited public resources for constructing radio transmitters and receivers in an emergency situation, having radio operators knowledgeable of communication modes which can very quickly be established is crucial. Congress and the FCC both would have a greater interest in a body of radio operators who could maintain communications in a true disaster. While a disaster of this magnitude has not occurred, being prepared is still just as important as emergency communications as a whole. Allowing operators who do not wish to learn Morse Code access to Amateur communications as well as maintaining a class of proficient Morse Code operators is the best solution for all parties concerned. I request the FCC and Congress support this proposal.

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